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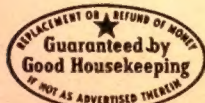
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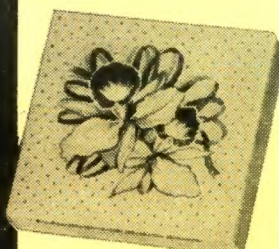
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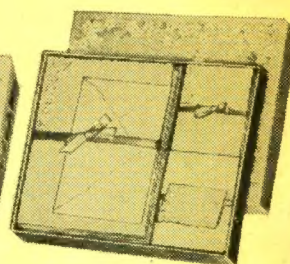
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MORE THAN JUST A SILVER CUP AND A PURSE WERE RIDING ON THIS EVENT! THE DURANGO KID JUST HAD TO WIN...! BUT THERE WERE BADHATS WHO HAD DONE THEIR WORST TO INSURE HIS LOSING! AND THAT'S WHY FOLKS HEREABOUTS STILL TALK ABOUT THAT NIGHT UNDER THE BIG TENT AS THE

RODEO RUCKUS!



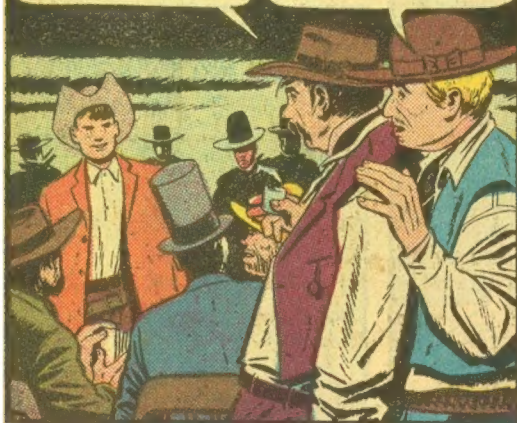
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FRED GUARDINEER

IN LEM DIAMOND'S LOST SLIPPER SALOON—

SEE WHUT I SEE? AL HARMON'S BEIN' SUCKED INTO A POKER GAME!

OH-OH—AN' LEM DIAMOND'S DEALIN' HISSELF! THET'S BAD...!



AL HARMON—OWNER OF THE BIGGEST RANCH IN THE TERRITORY! A DAREDEVIL IN THE SADDLE—BUT A SUCKER WHEN IT COMES TO THE SHINY PASTEBOARDS...

DON'T MIND SAYIN' I GOT A STRONG HAND HERE—SO STRONG THET I'D BE WILLING TO BET MY RANCH AGAINST ALL YORE CASH!



HIS OPPONENT—LEM DIAMOND, AS CROOKED AS A KNOTTED SNAKE...

I'LL CALL THAT BET, AL! AN' IT SURE LOOKS LIKE YOU LOSE!

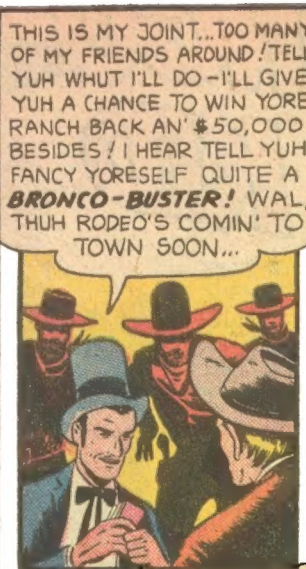


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HOLD IT! HOW COME YORE CARDS ARE SHINY-**NEW** WHILE ALL THUH OTHERS ARE CRUMPLED AN' SWEATY? DON'T YUH KNOW WHUT WE DO WITH CHEATERS AROUND HERE, DIAMOND...?

I WOULDN'T DRAW IF I WAS YOU, AL!

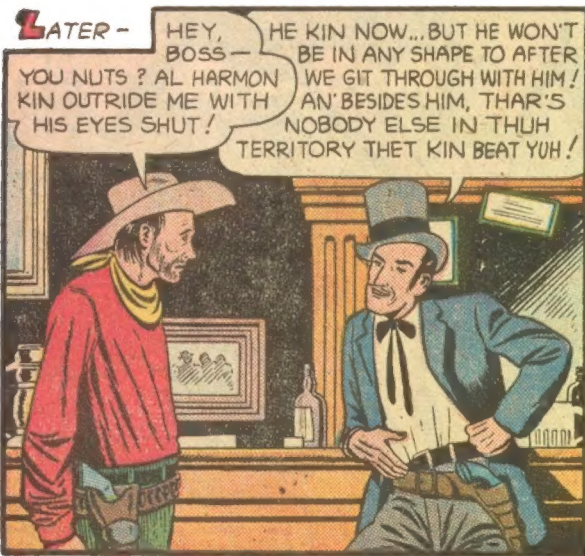


THIS IS MY JOINT...TOO MANY OF MY FRIENDS AROUND! TELL YUH WHUT I'LL DO -I'LL GIVE YUH A CHANCE TO WIN YORE RANCH BACK AN' \$50,000 BESIDES! I HEAR TELL YUH FANCY YORESELF QUITE A **BRONCO-BUSTER!** WAL, THUH RODEO'S COMIN' TO TOWN SOON...



...AN' EITHER YOU OR ANY RIDER OF YORE CHOOSIN' KIN RIDE AGAINST JOE MARKS HERE. YOU WIN- YUH KEEP YORE RANCH AN' GIT THUH CASH BESIDES. MY MAN WINS- I GIT JUST THUH RANCH!

YUH'RE A FOOL, DIAMOND! NOBODY AROUND HERE KIN BEAT **ME** AT BRONCO-BUSTING! IT'S A BET!



LATER -

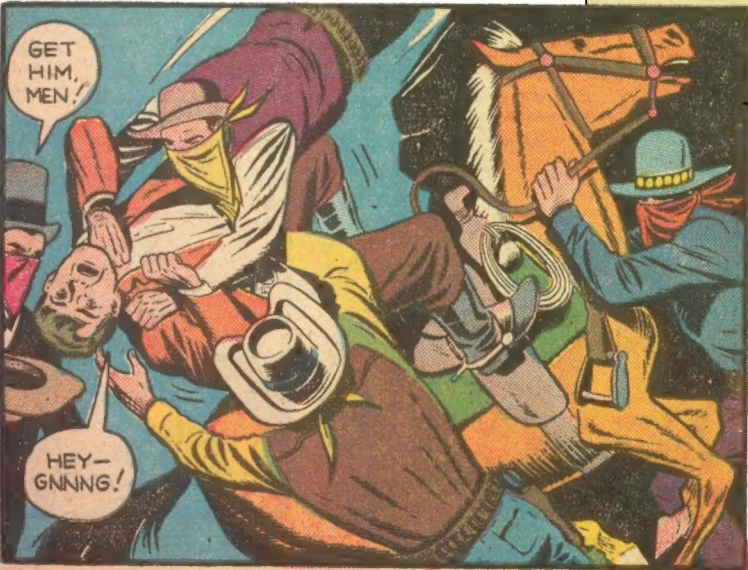
HEY, BOSS - YOU NUTS? AL HARMON KIN OUTSIDE ME WITH HIS EYES SHUT!

HE KIN NOW...BUT HE WON'T BE IN ANY SHAPE TO AFTER WE GIT THROUGH WITH HIM! AN' BESIDES HIM, THAR'S NOBODY ELSE IN THUH TERRITORY THET KIN BEAT YUH!



A WEEK BEFORE THE RODEO -

THAR'S HARMON...RIDIN' THUH RANGE ALL BY HIS LONSOME! AFTER TONIGHT IT'LL BE A LONG SPELL BEFORE HE EVER HITS SADDLE AGAIN...!



GET HIM, MEN!

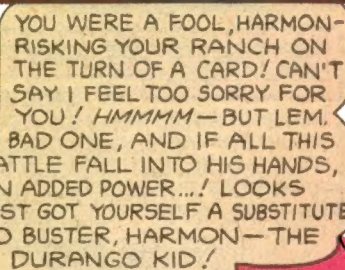
HEY- GNNNG!



NEARBY, TWO HORSEMEN PASSING THROUGH THE TERRITORY, PULL REIN AND LISTEN INTENTLY-

YOU HEAR SOMEBODY YELL JIST THEN, DURANGO?

SOUNDED LIKE IT, MULEY! LET'S RIDE UP AND SEE WHAT'S WRONG!





I'M MUCH OBLIGED, DURANGO! BUT YUH BETTER WATCH YOURSELF BETWEEN NOW AND RODEO-TIME—'CAUSE DIAMOND AND HIS MEN'LL BE OUT TO **DO** YOU JUST THUH WAY THEY DONE ME TONIGHT!

WHEN LEM DIAMOND HEARS WHO WILL BE RIDING AGAINST HIS MAN—

LOOKS BAD, HUH, BOSS?

LEMME THINK! THAR MUST BE SOME WAY OF STOPPIN' DURANGO FROM SHOWIN' UP AT THUH RODEO!



THE DAYS PASS SWIFTLY! ONLY FOUR HOURS LEFT NOW TILL RODEO-TIME—AND LEM DIAMOND HASN'T MADE HIS MOVE YET! BUT THEN—

“DURANGO! WH-WHAR'S DURANGO...?”

HERE I AM—WHAT'S UP?

M-ME AN' THUH SHERIFF... WE WAS -GASP- AMBUSHED BY A PASSEL OF OWLHOOTS! THEY WOUNDED THUH SHERIFF BAD! HE'S STILL HOLED UP THAR IN THUH HILLS...



“HE MADE ME RIDE DOWN THROUGH A SECRET PASS...”

MY HORSE IS GONE—WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE RIDIN' DOUBLE-MOUNTED—YUH'LL HAVE TO GO FAST AS THUH WIND...! GET DURANGO BACK HERE! NOBODY BUT DURANGO KIN GET ME OUTA THIS SPOT!



WHIZZ—
SPLATT!

THE MAN WITH THE DEPUTY BADGE HAS BARELY FINISHED HIS STORY—

THE DEPUTY'S IN NO SHAPE TO RIDE WITH US, MULEY! WE'LL BACKTRAIL HIM TO WHERE THE SHERIFF'S SURROUNDED! THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE THE RODEO STARTS...!

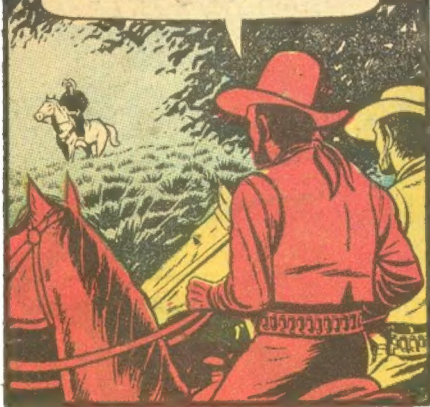


THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I'M ONE OF DIAMOND'S MEN! KEEP BACKTRAILING ME, DURANGO—AND YOU'LL NEVER SHOW UP AT THAT RODEO TONIGHT!



LATER, ON THE EDGE OF THE PRAIRIE—

BLACK OUTFIT... BLACK MASK... WHITE HORSE—THET'S DURANGO ALL RIGHT! BUT HE'S STAYIN' OUT IN THUH OPEN! HE'S NOT HEADED HERE!



THEN WELL RIDE OUT AFTER HIM! WE GOT HIM OUT-NUMBERED—HE'LL HAVE TO RUN FER IT! AN' AS LONG AS HE RUNS AWAY FROM THUH RODEO, LEM DIAMOND'LL BE HAPPY!



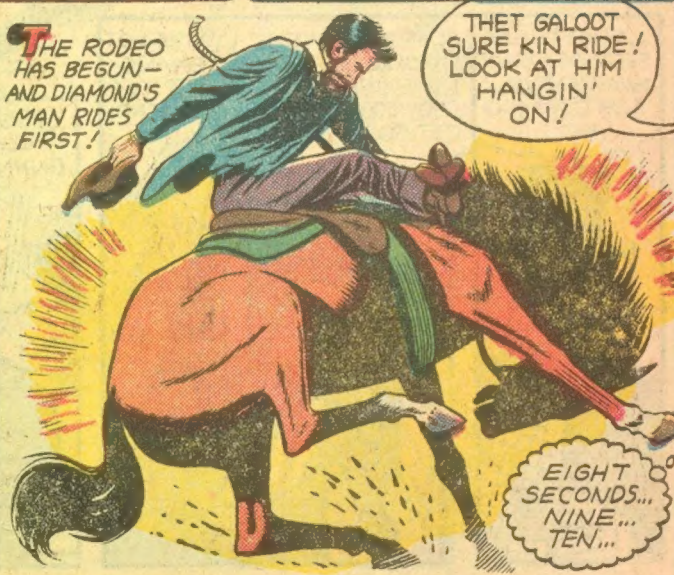
SO— HE TURNED TAIL—IT'S WORKIN' JUST LIKE WE PLANNED! YOU MEN KEEP AFTER HIM... I'LL RIDE BACK TO TOWN TO TELL THUH BOSS HE HAS NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT!



WHEN DIAMOND HEARS— HEH-HEH-HEH—AL HARMON'S RANCH IS AS GOOD AS MINE RIGHT NOW!



THE RODEO HAS BEGUN—AND DIAMOND'S MAN RIDES FIRST!



THET GALOOT SURE KIN RIDE! LOOK AT HIM HANGIN' ON!

EIGHT SECONDS... NINE... TEN...

ELEVEN SECONDS!

A RECORD RIDE! HOORAY!



NOW THEIR EYES ARE RIVETED ON THE STALL FROM WHICH AL HARMON'S RIDER WILL COME BUCKING OUT...

JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS—AND I'LL BE TOP DOG IN THE TERRITORY!

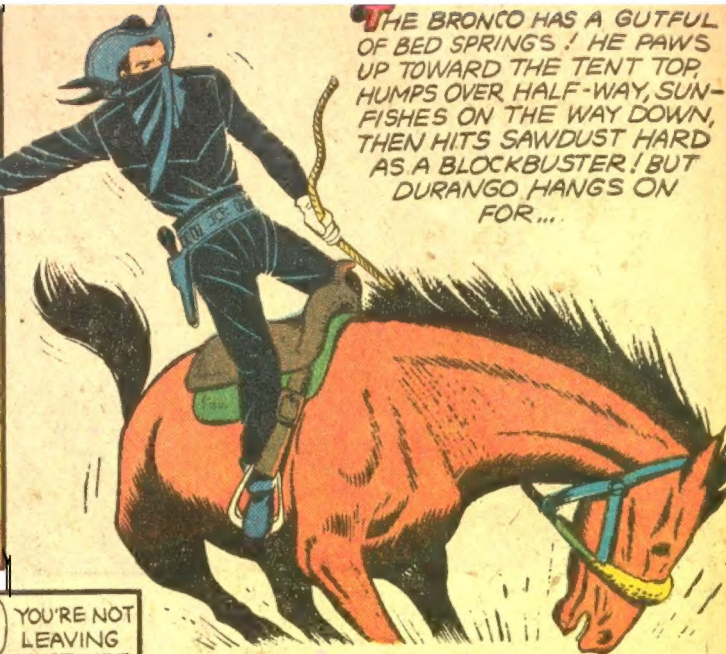


ONLY LEM DIAMOND CHEERS WHEN THE JUDGE CALLS OUT THE TIME! EVERYBODY ELSE SHUDDERS! THEY ALL KNOW HOW MUCH IS RIDING ON THIS EVENT...!



BUT THEN—

WHUT
THUH-? / IT-IT'S
DURANGO!



THE BRONCO HAS A GUTFUL
OF BED SPRINGS! HE PAWS
UP TOWARD THE TENT TOP,
HUMPS OVER HALF-WAY, SUN-
FISHES ON THE WAY DOWN,
THEN HITS SAWDUST HARD
AS A BLOCKBUSTER! BUT
DURANGO HANGS ON
FOR...



...THIRTEEN
SECONDS! THUH
WINNER IS...
THUH DURANGO
KID!



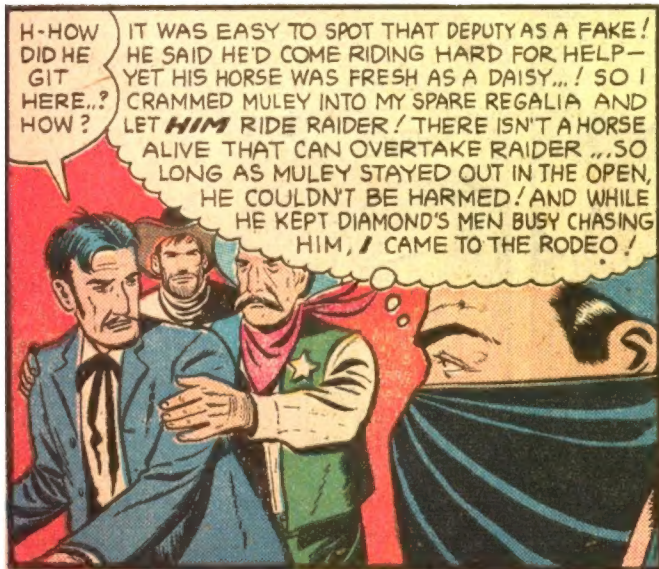
SOMETHING WENT
WRONG—DURANGO
NEVER SHOULD'VE
SHOWED UP! I BETTER
GET GOING WHILE
I—

YOU'RE NOT
LEAVING
JUST YET,
DIAMOND!



LEGGO!
I'LL-
GNNNG!

GUESS THIS'LL CONVINCE HIM TO
STAY A WHILE! SHOVEL HIM UP,
SHERIFF—I HEAR YOU HAVE AN
EMPTY CELL IN THE LOCK-UP JUST
THE RIGHT SIZE FOR CROOKED
GAMBLERS!



H-HOW
DID HE
GIT
HERE...?
HOW?

IT WAS EASY TO SPOT THAT DEPUTY AS A FAKE!
HE SAID HE'D COME RIDING HARD FOR HELP—
YET HIS HORSE WAS FRESH AS A DAISY...! SO I
CRAMMED MULEY INTO MY SPARE REGALIA AND
LET HIM RIDE RAIDER! THERE ISN'T A HORSE
ALIVE THAT CAN OVERTAKE RAIDER...! SO
LONG AS MULEY STAYED OUT IN THE OPEN,
HE COULDN'T BE HARMED! AND WHILE
HE KEPT DIAMOND'S MEN BUSY CHASING
HIM, I CAME TO THE RODEO!



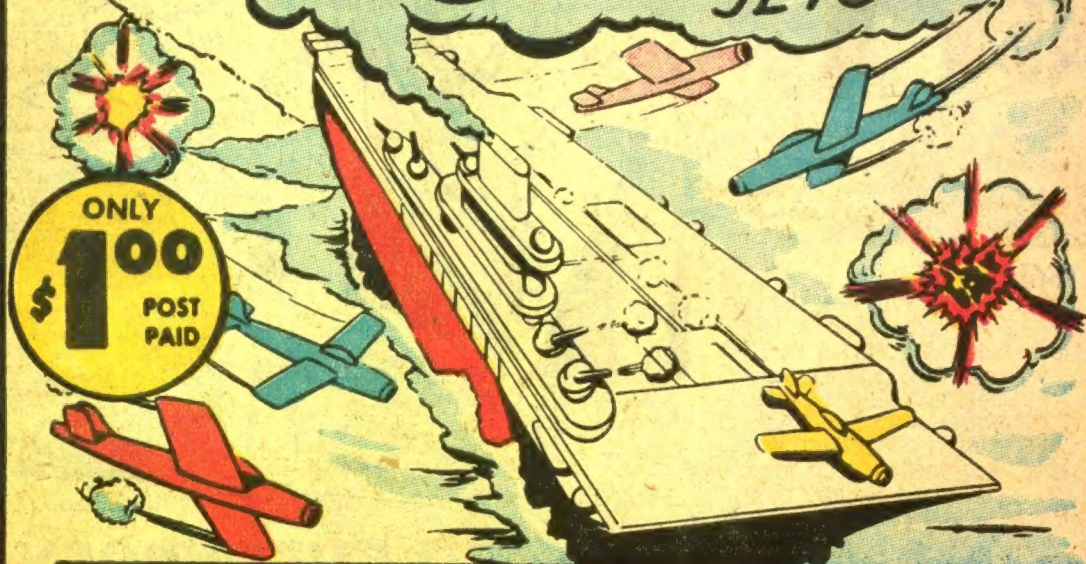
LATER—

I'LL NEVER FERGIT
WHAT YUH DONE FER THUH
WHOLE TERRITORY
DURANGO! AN' SO
HELP ME—I'LL NEVER
TOUCH ANOTHER
CARD AGAIN!

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MATT BAYLOR WAS HIS NAME. HE NEVER SMILED. THERE WERE ALWAYS STRANGE FIRES PLAYING IN HIS EYES. FOLKS WOULD GREET HIM CIVILLY, AND HE'D SNARL BACK AT THEM. BUT HE COULD OUT-SHOOT, OUTRIDE, AND OUTLASO EVERYBODY IN THE TERRITORY... AND NOW HE'D BEEN HIRED TO MOW DOWN THE DURANGO KID! DID DURANGO STAND A CHANCE AGAINST

THE MAN WHO HATED EVERYBODY

YEARS BACK WHEN MATT BAYLOR WAS A YOUNG'UN, HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING!

GEE, I'M LUCKY, POP! NOT MANY FELLERS' FATHERS WOULD LET THEM COME ALONG PROSPECTIN'!

NO REASON FOR ME NOT TO, MATT. WE'RE ALONE IN THUH WORLD, WE TWO! AN' WE GET ALONG FINE... YUH'VE BROUGHT ME LOTS OF LUCK THIS SEASON!



THEN ONE DAY—

WE HEAR-TELL YUH'VE FOUND A HEAP OF NUGGETS, JEFF BAYLOR! AN' THESE SHOOTIN'-IRONS SAY YUH'RE GONNA HAND THEM RIGHT OVER!



BUT MATT'S FATHER HAD WORKED HARD FOR THOSE NUGGETS, AND HE WASN'T GOING TO GIVE THEM WITHOUT A FIGHT!



GET DOWN, MATT! LEAD'S GONNA BE FLY!

Y-YOU
SOR-
SHOT
MY
FATHER!



HE WAS A FOOL TO TRY TO DRAW ON ME, BOY! NOW WHAR ARE THOSE NUGGETS?

THE BADGAT WAS MASKED... YOUNG MATT COULDN'T SEE HIS FACE... BUT HE'D NEVER FORGET THE EAGLE EMBLEM CRIMELY SCRATCHED ON THE MONEY BELT THE STOLEN NUGGETS WERE BEING CRAMMED INTO! AND AS HE STARED AT THE EVILLY LAUGHING WELLAS UP ASIDE OF HIM...



THAT HATRED SCARRED HIM... IT WIPED THE SMILE FROM HIS FACE! HE GREW UP A BITTER MAN A LONER WHO SHUNNED COMPANY SPENDING HIS TIME CONSTANTLY PRACTICING THE SKILLS OF SHOOTING RIDING, AND LASSING... LIVING ONLY FOR THE DAY WHEN HE'D MEET THE MAN WITH THE EAGLE EMBLEM AGAIN!



HE STAYED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW... HIS FATHER'S TEACHINGS HAD BEEN TOO STRONG FOR HIM NOT TO! AND MANY A TIME WHEN A POSSE WAS HARD ON THE TRAIL OF AN OULHOOT, HE'D SILENTLY JOIN THEM -

SMITH - THAT'S MATT BAYLOR! LIVES BY HIS LONESOME UP IN THUH HILLS! BUT HE'S A GOOD MAN TO HAVE ALONG!

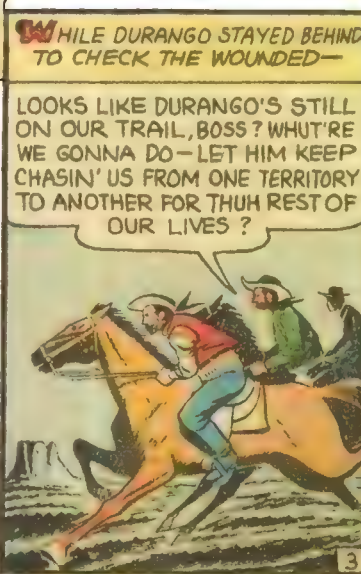
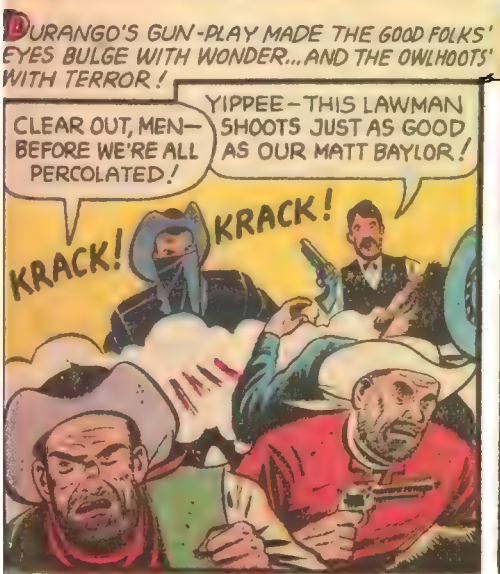
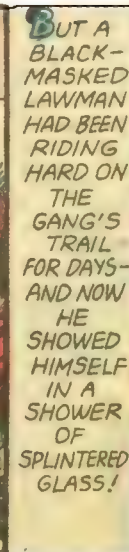
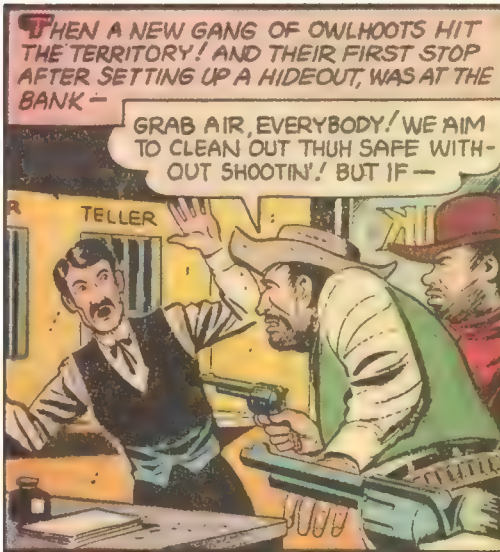


AND MANY A TIME IT WAS MATT'S DONS THAT BROUGHT THE POSSE'S QUARRY TO HEEL!



HEY!

IF IT'S HAPPENED ONCE, IT'S HAPPENED A HUNDRED TIMES! THAT HONER'S POISON ON OULHOOTS!



ONE DAY NOT LONG AFTER—

THERE COMES MATT
BAYLOR NOW!



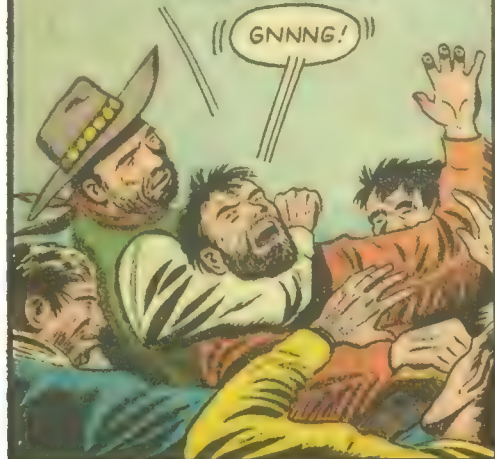
WHAT
THE-?!

CLOBBER HIM GOOD! IT'S THUH
ONLY WAY WE'LL EVER GET HIM
BACK TO THUH HIDEOUT!



MATT FOUGHT LIKE A
WILDCAT, BUT IT DID
HIM NO GOOD!

GNNGG!



LATER— SORRY WE HADDA
ROUGH YUH UP,
BAYLOR—BUT WE'VE HEARD
TELL YUH'RE PLUMB ORNERY,
AN' THAT THAR WAS NO OTHER
WAY TO BRING YUH HERE SO
WE COULD MAKE OUR PROPO-
SITION! NOW LISTEN...



THUH DURANGO KID'S
BEEN ON MY GANG'S
TRAIL TOO LONG! THUH
TIME'S COME WHEN IT'S
EITHER *US* OR *HIM* THET
HAS TO GO DOWN! NONE
OF US HERE KIN HANDLE
HIM—BUT FROM THUH
TALES WE'VE HEARD OF
HOW *YOU* KIN SHOOT
AN' RIDE, IT SOUNDS
LIKE YUH'RE JUST THUH
MAN FER THUH JOB!



I'LL SHOW YUH WE MEAN BUSINESS!
SEE—WE'VE POOLED ALL OUR MONEY
TOGETHER! THIS \$10,000 IS YOURS IF
YUH GUN DURANGO DOWN FOR
US! WHUT DO YUH SAY...?



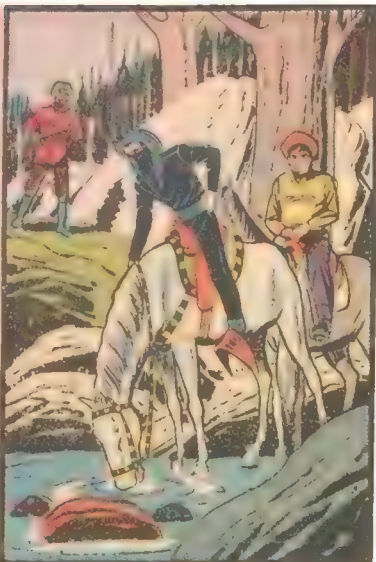
FOR A LONG
TIME, MATT
SAID NOTHING
AT ALL. THEN—

LET ME THINK IT OVER.
GIVE ME TILL TONIGHT.
I'LL COME BACK WITH MY
ANSWER THEN.



THE OWLHOOTS GRINNED. THEY WERE SURE THEY KNEW
WHAT HIS ANSWER WOULD BE. THEY WERE SURE NO MAN
ALIVE COULD RESIST ALL THOSE BANKNOTES!

THAT SAME AFTERNOON MATT HAD TRACKED HIS MAN TO A BROOK WHERE DURANGO AND MULEY PIKE WERE WATERING THEIR HORSES. HE WALKED TOWARD THEM SLOWLY, HIS FACE GRIM AS ALWAYS...



A TWIG SNAPPED!



I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU, DURANGO. I'VE COME PEACEABLE. NO NEED FOR YOU TO CLEAR LEATHER.

BE GLAD TO TALK. WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

THE WORDS GUSHED OUT OF MATT LIKE A THOUSAND MOUNTAIN STREAMS IN A SPRING THAW! HE TOLD DURANGO THE STORY OF HIS LIFE RIGHT UP TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED TODAY...

WHEN HE TOOK THAT \$10,000 OUT OF HIS MONEY BELT, I SAW THE EAGLE EMBLEM ON IT! HE'S THE MAN WHO SHOT MY FATHER!

HOW COME YUH DIDN'T JUMP HIM SOON AS YUH SAW IT?

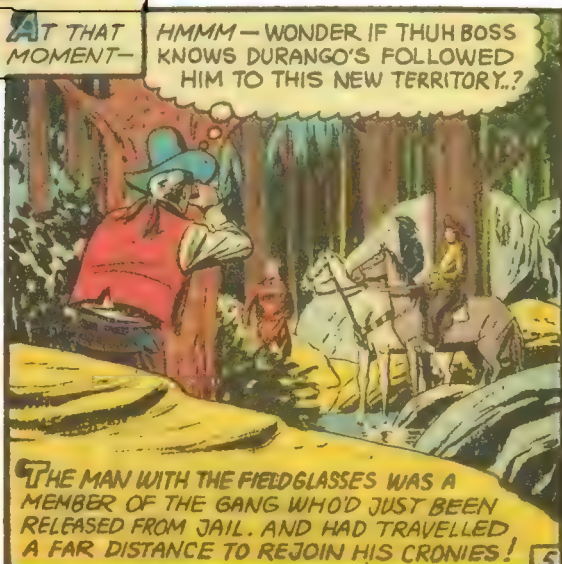
I COULD'VE... I COULD'VE CHOKED HIM BEFORE HIS GANG DRAGGED ME DOWN! BUT STANDING THERE, IT SUDDENLY CAME TO ME-HE WASN'T THE ONLY ROTTEN SKUNK IN THE HIDEOUT! ANY ONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE SHOT MY FATHER THE SAME WAY HE DID! I WANT TO BRING ALL OF THEM IN!



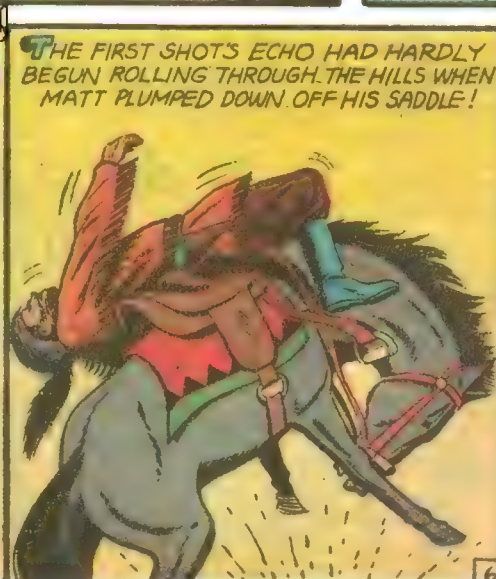
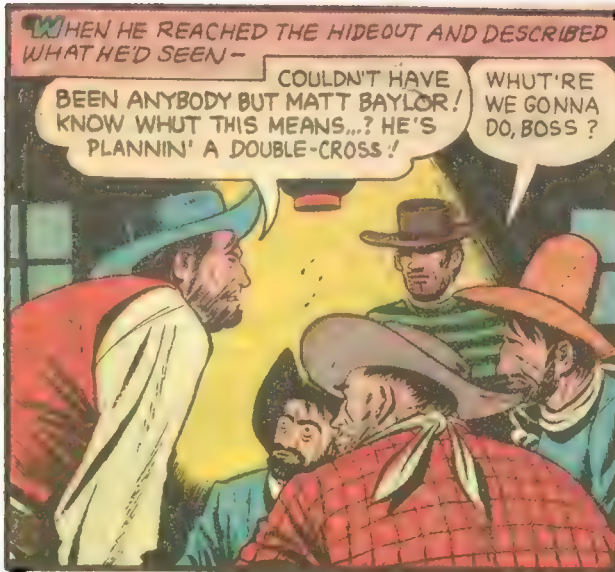
YOU DID RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY THIS SMART. GO BACK TO-NIGHT... TELL THEM YOU'LL TAKE ON THE JOB.

AT THAT MOMENT—

HMMM—WONDER IF THUH BOSS KNOWS DURANGO'S FOLLOWED HIM TO THIS NEW TERRITORY..?



THE MAN WITH THE FIELDGLASSES WAS A MEMBER OF THE GANG WHO'D JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL. AND HAD TRAVELLED A FAR DISTANCE TO REJOIN HIS CRONIES!



**THIS IS
HOW COME!**

LUCKY I COULD KICK MYSELF FOR
WE RODE IN NOT REALIZING SOONER THAT
CROSEY'S SNAKE-HEINT SPOTTED THIS
COUNTRY AN THEN AFTERNOON WAS OFF A PAIR
CAME THROUGH THEM OF FIELDGLASSES/ BUT IT KEPT
TREES WE DIDN'T BOTHERRING ME AND I FIGURED
GET HERE A SECOND "ONE OF THE OWLHATS WAS
TOO SOON." SPYING ON US THEY'D SET
AN AMBUSH FOR MATT
TONIGHT!



THEY CAN'T SEE ME SLIPPING
OUT HERE IN FRONT I'LL
GET AWAY!



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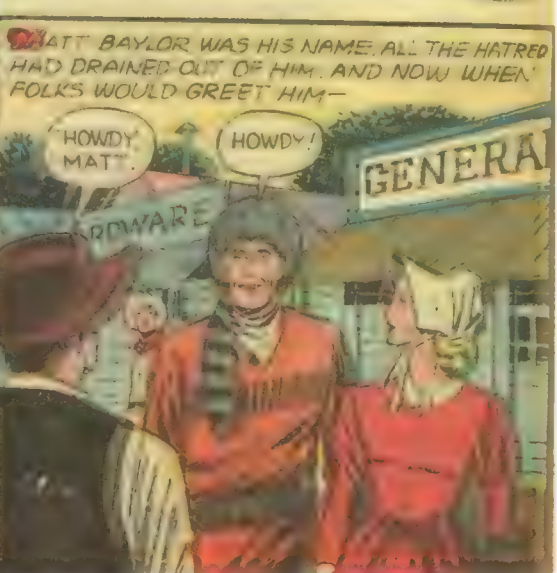
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I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THIS A LONG
TIME!



THAT FIRST
I SHOT YOU
HEARD WAS MINE I
MIRREY AND I OPENED
FIRE BEFORE THEY
HAD A CHANCE TO MOW
YOU DOWN!

THE SECOND I HEARD
SHOOTING I HIT THE
GROUND FOR COVER. LUCKY
I STAYED PUT FOR A WHILE,
TRYING TO GET THE LAY
OF THE LAND - OTHERWISE
HE MIGHT'VE GOTTEN
AWAY!



MATT BAYLOR WAS HIS NAME. ALL THE HATRED
HAD DRAINED OUT OF HIM. AND NOW WHEN
FOLKS WOULD GREET HIM —

HOWDY
MATT!

HOWDY!

GENERAL

THE DURANGO KID'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

THIS FEATURE is a western dictionary, to explain for our readers the meaning of the western terms and expressions they may come across in these pages. We will explain about Indians and pioneers, gunfighters and cowboys, horses and cattle.

BUTTE A butte (pronounced "beaut") is a high hill or rocky formation in the shape of a turret, rising from the flat ground. A city in Montana has assumed this name.

COWBOY The cowboy is the subject of stories and poems and songs. He is the guardian of the herd, the brander at roundup time, the fence-builder and defender of the ranch. He is an employee of the rancher, and lives in a bunkhouse. He does not make much money, usually forty to eighty dollars a month and food. His most prized possession is a horse and a saddle.

In the early days of the west, 1866 to 1890, he was also a gunman, in most instances. He rode on the trail drives north to Dodge City and Abilene. He fought Indians. Sometimes he went bad and became an outlaw, but more often he saved up his money to buy himself a little spread, and got married and raised children and became a fine citizen of the country.

When barbed wire and fencing came in on the Texas ranches, some of the cowboys rode north into Wyoming and Montana. Herds of cattle were coming into Wyoming then, from Oregon, and trail drives were the usual thing in the north country for about ten years.

His clothing consists of levis or tight denim pants, with leather "chaps" to be worn where the brush is thick, a shirt or two, a neckerchief that serves as dust-catcher in the trail drives, washrag before breakfast, and protection from the broiling sun. His boots are expensive, coming up to mid-calf. The soles receive little wear, for no self-respecting cowboy will walk when he can ride. His spurs may be fancy California spurs with jingling rowels or plain iron or steel jab-spurs.

The cowboy hat is the Stetson, or 10-gallon hat. Sometimes, in the northwest, he wears a straight-brimmed, low-crowned hat.

He also carries a slicker against rain while he is out on the range. This slicker is usually yellow so that during a stampede, he can wave it around to get the cattle to milling, or running in a circle.

While his usual sleeping place is the bunkhouse (a large building fitted with bunks, tables and chairs so the cowboy can relax and play cards and eat in his offtime), the cowboy also lives in a bedroll on the open range, when occasion or necessity demands it. There is also the line cabin on the farthest reaches of the ranch, for cowboys whose duties carry them so far from the bunkhouse that they cannot return at night. These line cabins will have canned food, a bed or two and a table and chairs. They will be plain and not fancy, but during a rainstorm or a blizzard, they will be very welcome indeed. Most line cabins have stone chimneys, so the cowboy can make a fire and keep warm and cook his food.

Today, in an era where most cowboys are seen only in movies and comic books, the cowboy still really exists. He works usually for big ranches like the King Ranch, or the JA ranch in the Texas Panhandle. He ropes and rides as he used to do, but he rarely carries a sixgun, and then only as protection against snakes. He also drives a jeep or a ranch wagon, and goes to town in a car. He reads cowboy books and comics avidly, and is the best customer for the western movie.

They still brand cattle as they used to do in the old days, but now they also inject an inoculating fluid against blackleg and other fatal diseases. He is still the cowboy, but he is also a businessman today.

DYNAMITE This old west miner's tool is a mixture of nitroglycerine and an absorbent such as powdered resin, clay or sawdust. It usually comes in sticks, but it also is available in a powder form, which is used in mines, though some mines prefer the gelatine dynamite.

Shock will not explode dynamite unless it creates a spark that will set it off. Thus it can be dropped, kicked around and crushed without exploding. However, if the dynamite has lain out in the sun and has "thawed," it becomes very unstable and may explode on contact.

The miner "thaws" his dynamite before using it, and then slips a dynamite cap into one end of the stick. These dynamite caps are *more dangerous* than the dynamite itself, for they are loaded with fulminate of mercury, which explodes violently with any sort of heat or shock!

When dynamite has lain too long in one position, it also becomes dangerous, so that when it is being transported, it is usually turned over every once in a while, usually at least once every week.

ELK This great animal, a member of the deer family, is one of the most magnificent specimens of the North American animal world. The great bull elk is a cousin of the moose. From April to August, these bull elk sharpen their great horns, or tines, against trees, rubbing off the soft tissue called velvet on their horns. During this time, these mighty beasts will charge a human being.

The elk range across the northwest of the United States and into Canada. Today they are protected in wild life sanctuaries. In the old days, before the white man came to America, the elk—the Indians called the elk the *wapiti*—ran from the eastern part of the United States all the way west into what is now Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Even New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia had their herds.

The bull elk stands about five feet high at the shoulder and weighs one thousand pounds. It is the second largest animal in North America in the wild state, the moose alone being larger. The cow weighs about six hundred pounds and is smaller than the male.

The antlers are wide and long, the largest ever recorded being fully five feet across!

These elk, or wapiti, eat grass, leaves, small plants. They live in the mountains during the summer, but come down into the valley regions during winter time. When a herd of elk suspects a human is hunting them, they make a bell-like sound. If the herd leader gives a coughing bark,

they race off out of possible danger.

The bull elk has a dark mane as well as a great spread of antlers, with a golden coat of hair. The cry of the bull elk in anger is called a "bugle." Emitting this bugling cry, male elks often fight each other during the mating season.

FLY The fly is that stretch of canvas that forms a roof from the chuck wagon to the wood pile while the trail crew is out on roundup. It is set on poles. Under the protection of this "fly"—it affords shade from the hot sun and keeps out the rain during a cloudburst—the cook prepares his meals.

The "hoodlum," a man who does odd chores around the chuck wagon, puts his pile of twigs and firewood under a corner of the fly, to keep it dry.

GUNS The gun is the one sure feature of every story, comic and movie about the west. Usually the word, gun, means a hand-gun, a revolver or sixgun. One of the first of the cartridge revolvers was made by Smith and Wesson in 1855. The most famous of all these revolvers was the Colt Peacemaker, a .45 calibre hand-gun used by famous gunfighters and law men. Before the Peacemaker became so popular, the Navy Colt had its day.

In 1835 Samuel Colt gave the world the weapon which has even since borne his name. While on a trip to India, he had whittled out a wooden model of his gun. Then when he patented his revolver in London and Paris, he returned to the United States and set up his factory in Paterson, New Jersey. By 1837, United States troops were carrying Colt revolvers against the Seminoles, during that war in Florida. Samuel Colt sold his guns to the Texas Rangers, featuring the newly revised Walker Colt. Then followed the frontier model.

Other revolvers that shot themselves a place in our history were the Aston .54 calibre percussion-lock pistol, used by the Army and the Navy in the Civil War, the derringer, which was the gun used by the western gamblers and was carried in a shoulder holster, and the Remington .44, the gun used by the bandit Jesse James.

We have thus far considered only the *revolver* as part of the story on Guns. In the next issue, we will take up the *rifle*, so that, with your *Durango Dictionary*, you will have a complete file on the weapons used by the badmen and the law men of the old west.

THE END



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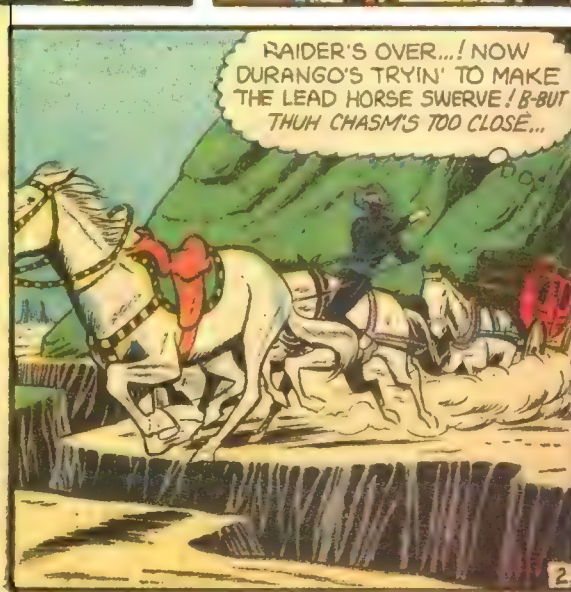
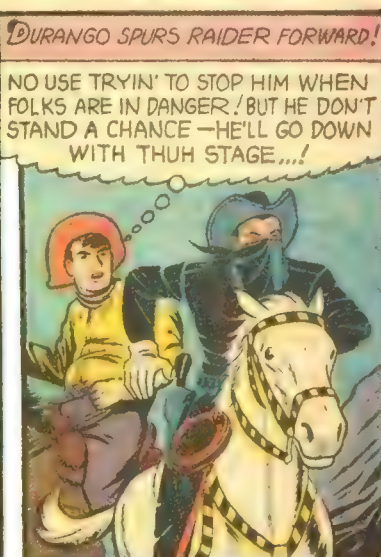
the DURANGO KID



WHAT STARTED WITH A FLYING-LEAD FRACAS ON THE STAGE TRAIL, ENDED WITH THE DURANGO KID HOPELESSLY HOGTIED BY HIS ENEMIES! AND ALTHOUGH THE MASKED LAWMAN WAS NEVER ONE TO WORRY OVERMUCH—THIS WAS ONE TIME HE HAD TO ADMIT IT LOOKED LIKE

SURE DEATH FOR DURANGO!

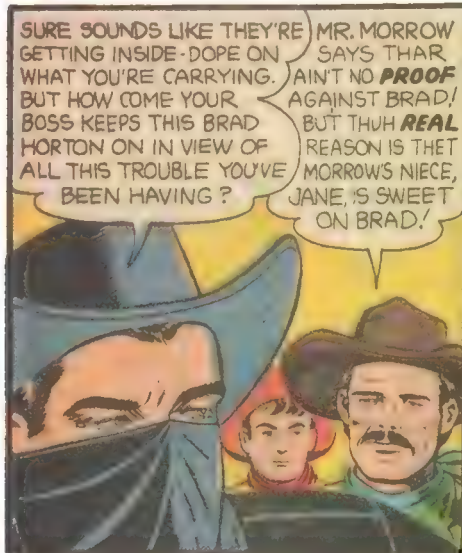






LUCKY YUH CAME ALONG, DURANGO! IF ANY MAN KIN TRACK DOWN THOSE STAGE ROBBERS, IT'S YOU!

AN' WE KIN TELL YUH RIGHT WHAR TO START! OUR DISPATCHER, BRAD HORTON, IS A JAIL-BIRD! AN' THOSE BADHATS SHOW UP **ONLY** WHEN WE'RE CARRYIN' GOLD...!



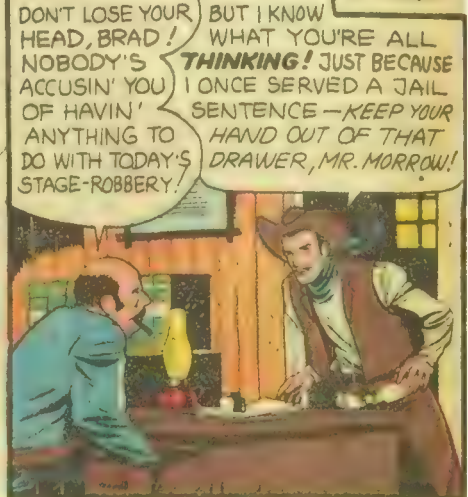
SURE SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING INSIDE-DOPE ON WHAT YOU'RE CARRYING. BUT HOW COME YOUR BOSS KEEPS THIS BRAD HORTON ON IN VIEW OF ALL THIS TROUBLE YOU'VE BEEN HAVING?

MR. MORROW SAYS THAR AIN'T NO **PROOF** AGAINST BRAD! BUT THUH **REAL** REASON IS THET MORROW'S NIECE, JANE, IS SWEET ON BRAD!

THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENOUGH REASON FOR ENDANGERING MEN'S LIVES! MOUNT UP, MULEY...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH BRAD HORTON RIGHT NOW!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE DISPATCHER'S OFFICE—



DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD, BRAD! NOBODY'S ACCUSIN' YOU ANYTHING TO DO WITH TODAY'S STAGE-ROBBERY!

BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL **THINKING!** JUST BECAUSE I ONCE SERVED A JAIL SENTENCE—KEEP YOUR HAND OUT OF THAT DRAWER, MR. MORROW!



OWW! I'M CLEARING OUT...BEFORE I'M FRAMED FOR THE ROBBERIES! AND NOBODY'S STOPPING ME!

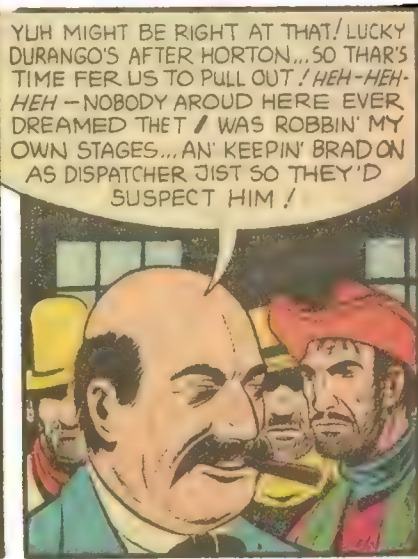
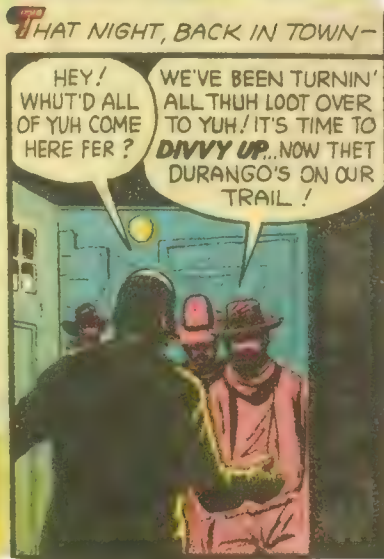
BRAD!

BLAMM!



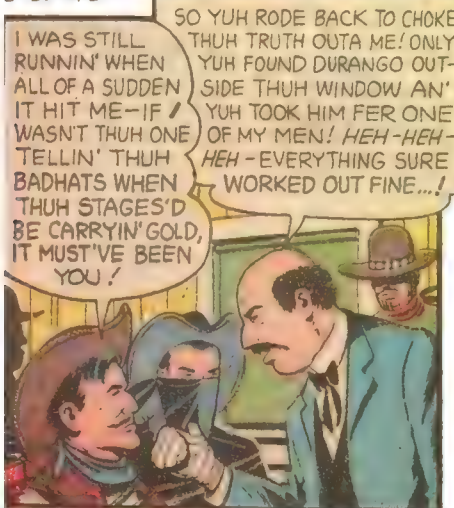
BRAD! OH-SOB-BRAD!

DON'T STAND THAR SQUEALIN'—GIT A BANDAGE FER MY HAND...! I KEPT HIM ON BECAUSE OF **YOU**, JANE... BUT NOW YUH'VE SEEN FER YORESELF HOW ROTTEN HE IS!





AND WHEN DURANGO NEXT FORCES HIS EYES OPEN -



SO YUH RODE BACK TO CHOKER THUH TRUTH OUTA ME! ONLY YUH FOUND DURANGO OUTSIDE THUH WINDOW AN' YUH TOOK HIM FER ONE OF MY MEN! HEH-HEH-HEH - EVERYTHING SURE WORKED OUT FINE...!

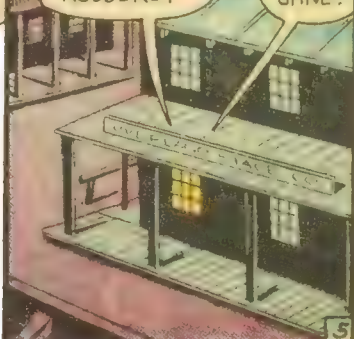
I WAS STILL RUNNIN' WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT HIT ME-IF I WASN'T THUH ONE TELLIN' THUH BADHATS WHEN THUH STAGES'D BE CARRYIN' GOLD, IT MUST'VE BEEN YOU!

YOU AN' DURANGO ARE GONNA DIE ANYWAY! BUT UNLESS YUH WANT YORE GAL, JANE, TO DIE TOO, YUH'LL SIGN THIS CONFESSION SAYIN' **YOU'VE BEEN WORKIN' WITH THUH STAGE-ROBBERS!**

I'LL DO ANY-THING... LONG AS YUH DON'T HARM JANE!

MEANWHILE -

HMM- LOOKS LIKE BRAD HORTON STARTED CIRCLING BACK TO TOWN HEREABOUTS! WELL, SURE AS MY NAME IS MULEY PIKE, I'M GONNA STAY ON HIS TRAIL...!





HE'S
SIGNING
THE FALSE
CON-
FESSION!

GET THEIR MOUNTS
READY! WE'LL RIDE
'EM BOTH TO BLACK
BOX CANYON... THAR'S
WHAR THEY'LL
DIE!

**AFTER
A HARD
RIDE -**

HYAR'S THUH
CANYON, BOSS!
WHUT DO YUH
FIGGER ON DOIN'
WITH 'EM?

WE'LL FIX THUH BODIES SO FOLKS'LL
THINK THEY KILLED EACH OTHER IN A
GUN-FIGHT! THEN IF THUH NEED EVER
RISES, I'LL "FIND" BRAD'S CONFESSION
IN THUH OFFICE SAFE ...!



MAKE BRAD DISMOUNT
OVER THAR! WE'LL USE
THEIR GUNS!... THAT'LL
MAKE IT LOOK RIGHT!



NOTHING I CAN
DO... LOOKS LIKE SURE
DEATH FOR
DURANGO!

EVERYTHING
READY? LET'S
GIT THIS OVER
WITH -

BOSS,
LISTEN!-
WHUT'S
THET?!



THE OWLHOOTS TURN AND
LISTEN HARD...

... TO THE CLIP-CLOP OF A HORSE-
MAN APPROACHING SLOWLY IN
THE NIGHT!



THINKING FAST, DURANGO TAKES
ADVANTAGE OF THE BRIEF DIVERSION!



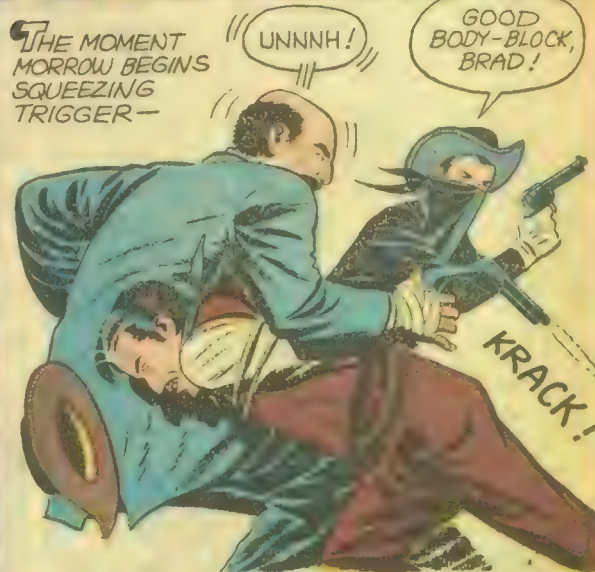
BITE,
RAIDER-BITE
THROUGH THE
ROPE!



IT TAKES LITTLE MORE THAN A MINUTE FOR MOST OF THE OWLHOOTS TO REALIZE THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR RAIDER'S HOOVES AND DURANGO'S BULLETS! BUT—

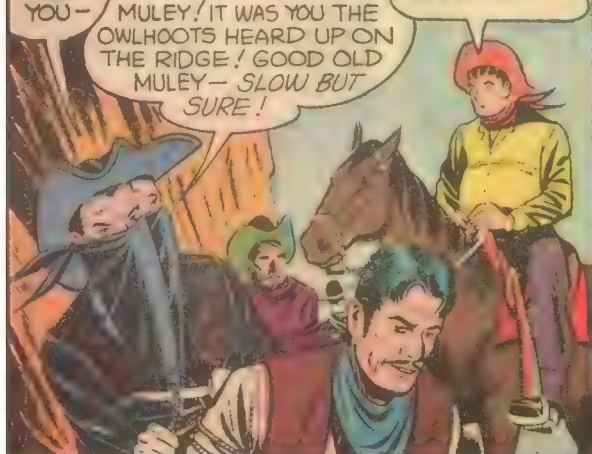


THE MOMENT MORROW BEGINS SQUEEZING TRIGGER—



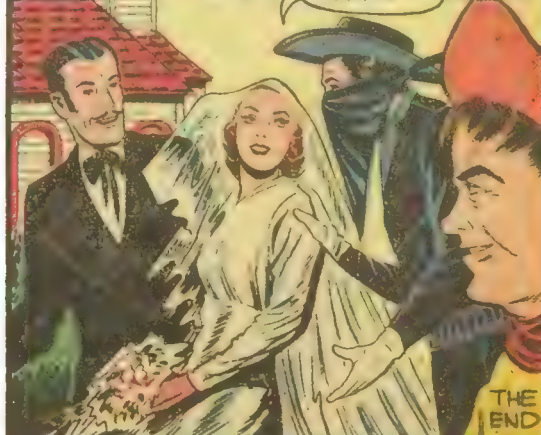
MIGHT AS WELL FREE YOU—

DURANGO...YUH ALL RIGHT? I'VE BEEN ON HORTON'S TRAIL ALL THIS TIME—IT LED ME RIGHT HERE! WHUT WAS ALL THET SHOOTIN'...?



A MONTH LATER—

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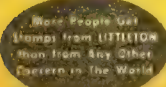
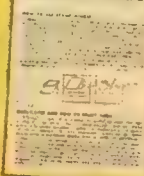
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JAGGED MARK
SO LIKE A
STREAK OF
LIGHTNING...
AND HIS HOOF
MAKING THUNDER
ON HIGH ROAD
AND FOREST
TRAIL IN THE
SERVICE OF
THE PATRIOT
CAUSE —
WAS IT ANY
WONDER THAT
THE FIERY
STEED WAS
CALLED

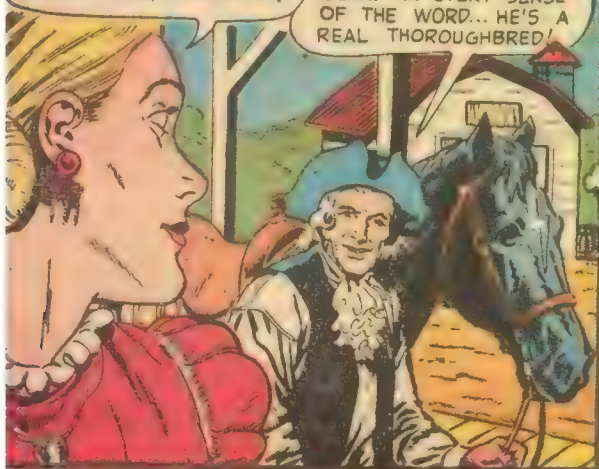
"LIGHTNING
for
LIBERTY"



LIGHTNING'S FIRST OWNER WAS SOLOMON JESSUP,
A WEALTHY PATRIOT FARMER —

YOU LOVE THAT HORSE,
DON'T YOU, SOLOMON?

HE'S A
THOROUGHbred, MY
DEAR. IN EVERY SENSE
OF THE WORD... HE'S A
REAL THOROUGHbred!

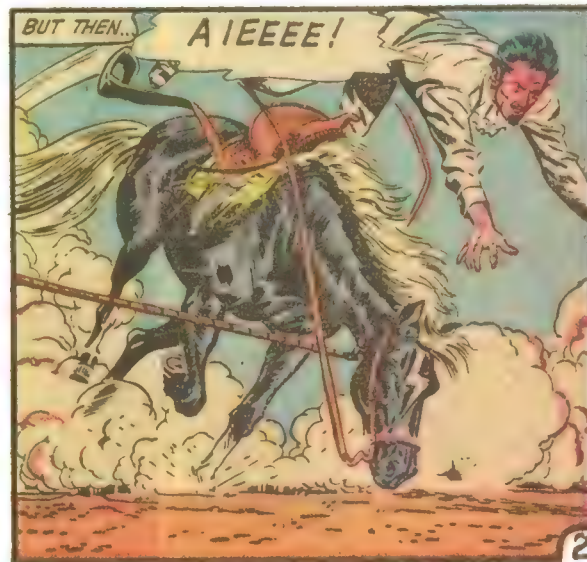
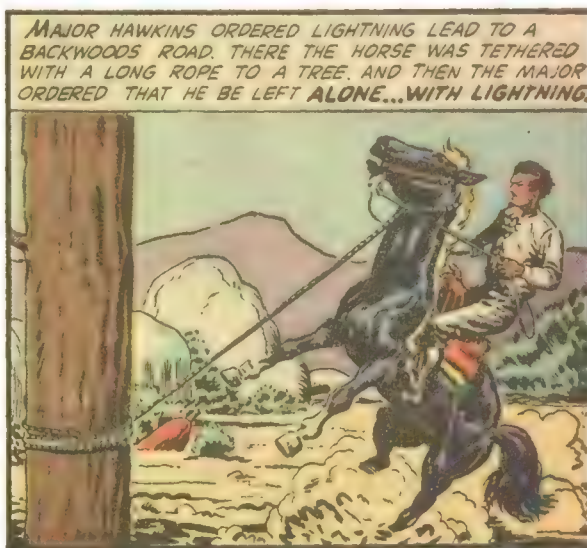
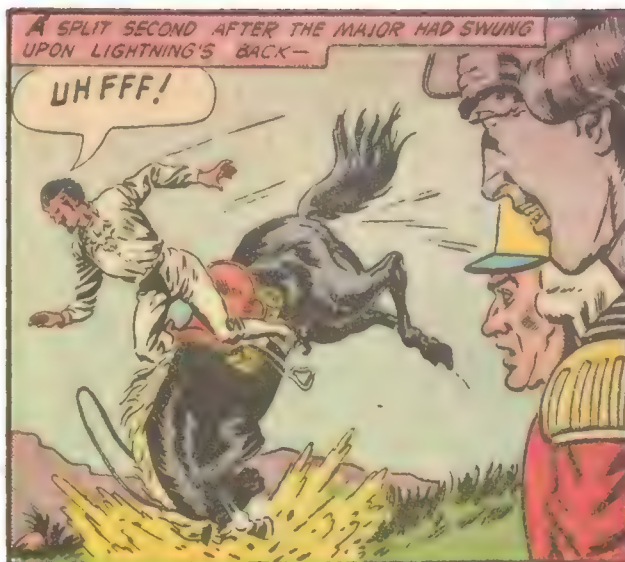


THEN THE WAR CAME... AND SOLOMON JESSUP
DIED DURING A PUNITIVE RAID BY THE RED-
COATS —

I SAY!
THAT'S A FINE HORSE!

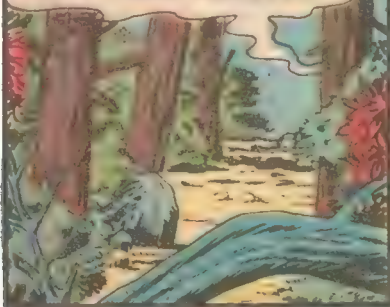
LOOKS LIKE HE KNOWS
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO
HIS MASTER! I WOULDN'T
MOUNT HIM IF I WERE
YOU, MAJOR HAWKINS...!





AS THE MAJOR PAINFULLY DRAGGED HIMSELF TO HIS FEET, HIS HIGH-PITCHED VOICE MADE EVEN SHRILLER BY RAGE, KEPT ECHOING THROUGH THE TREES. AND THEN HE BEGAN TO BEAT THE HORSE BRUTALLY...

I'M AN OFFICER OF THE KING! HERE TO FIGHT THE REBELS WHO DEFY US...WHO DEFY US! EVEN REBEL HORSES...

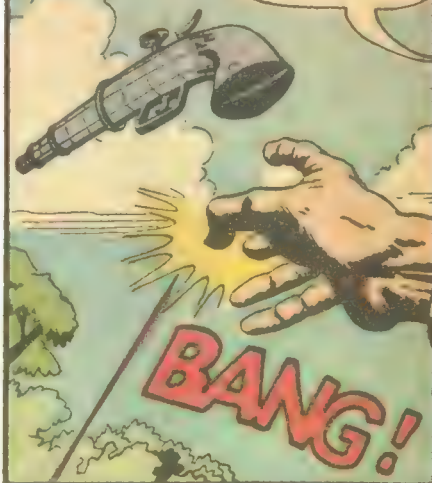


... MUST
SUBMIT—
OR DIE!

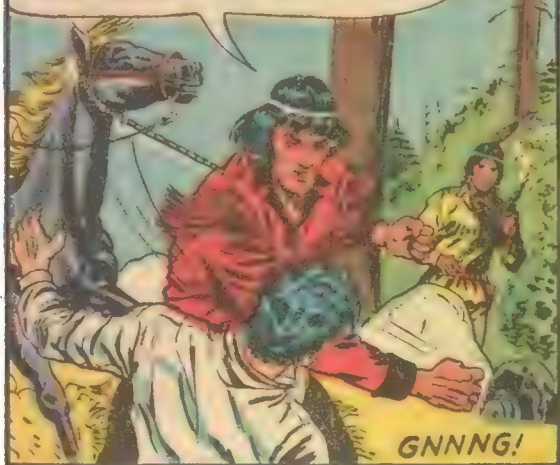


SUDDENLY—

YEEEOW!



GOOD SHOT, TIPI... BUT YOU CAN PUT UP YOUR GUN NOW... I'LL FINISH OFF THE HORSE-BEATER WITH MY FISTS!



KEEP HIM COVERED! I'LL TRY GENTLING THE HORSE!

THIS DAY'S NOT BEEN WASTED AFTER ALL! YOU'RE **DAN BRAND**, THE PATRIOTS' MOST EFFECTIVE AGENT... AND SOFT-HEARTED DOLT THAT YOU ARE—JUST TO SAVE A DUMB BEAST, YOU'VE JUMPED RIGHT INTO A TRAP!



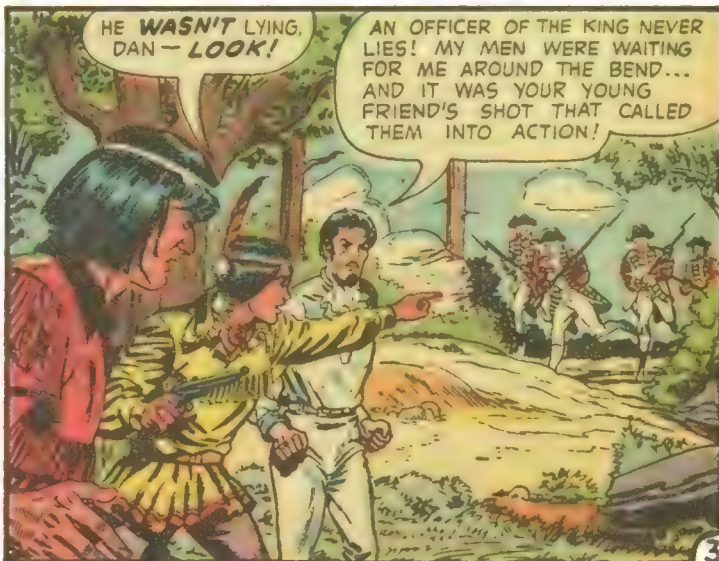
EASY, BOY... EASY!

HE'S LYING WHEN HE SPEAKS OF A TRAP, TIPI... HE JUST WANTS TO DIVERT US SO HE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET—



HE WASN'T LYING, DAN—LOOK!

AN OFFICER OF THE KING NEVER LIES! MY MEN WERE WAITING FOR ME AROUND THE BEND... AND IT WAS YOUR YOUNG FRIEND'S SHOT THAT CALLED THEM INTO ACTION!



AFTER A BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT—

DAN... WE'RE OUT OF AMMUNITION! AND THEY'RE COMING AT US FROM ALL SIDES!

MOUNT THE HORSE! I'LL CUT HIS TETHER!



I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, DAN BRAND! ...I'LL GET YOU YET!

UP, LIGHTNING, UP! OR WE'RE ALL LOST!

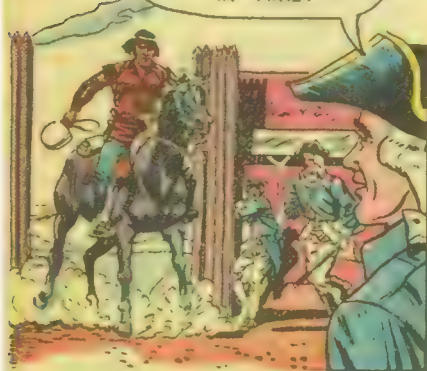


FROM THAT TIME ON, LIGHTNING GALLOPED FOR LIBERTY—DAN AND TIPI TAKING TURNS RIDING HIM ON ONE PERILOUS MISSION AFTER ANOTHER.

GOOD WORK, DAN—YOU BROUGHT THE BATTLE-PLAN JUST IN TIME!

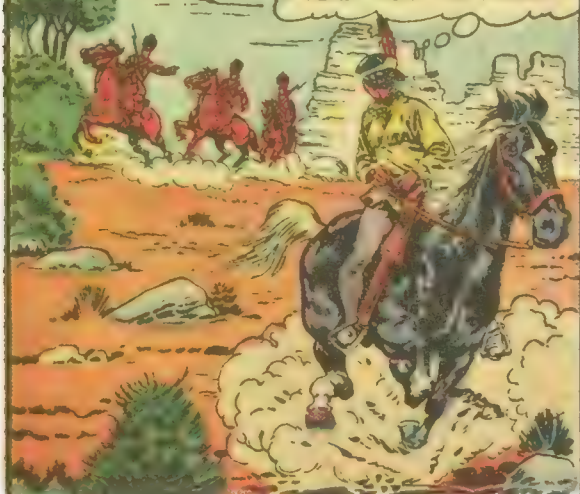
I WAS AFRAID I'D NEVER OVER-TAKE THIS COUNTER SPY... BUT LIGHTNING IS AS FAST AS HIS NAME!

THAT BLOODY HORSE CAN'T EVEN BE STOPPED BY FIRE!



BUT THEN ONE DAY—

THOSE REDCOATS HAVE SEEN ME... I BETTER HEAD FOR THE FOREST!



LUCK WASN'T WITH TIPI! THAT DAY...

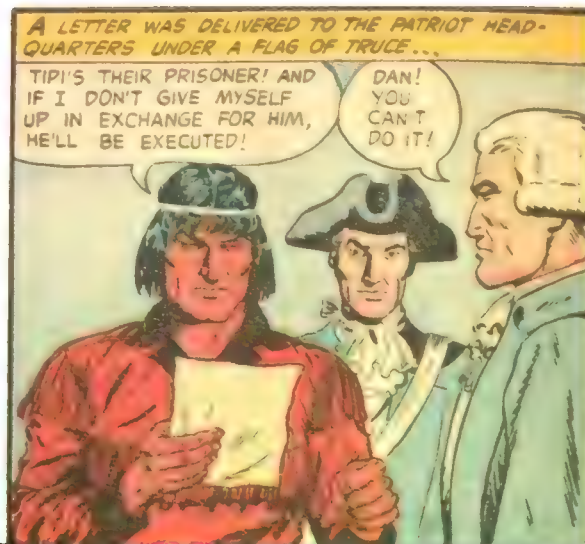
GNNNGG!

THWACK





SO WE MEET AGAIN! NOW I MUST ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR FRIEND, DAN BRAND JOIN US!



A LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO THE PATRIOT HEAD-QUARTERS UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE...

TIP!S THEIR PRISONER! AND IF I DON'T GIVE MYSELF UP IN EXCHANGE FOR HIM, HE'LL BE EXECUTED!

DAN! YOU CAN'T DO IT!

BUT DAN HAD SWORN ALWAYS TO DEFEND HIS YOUNG INDIAN FRIEND! IT WAS A COLD DAY IN LATE AUTUMN WHEN HE HEADED LIGHTNING TOWARD THE RAVINE WHERE THE EXCHANGE WAS TO TAKE PLACE. DAN WAS UN-ARMED AS THE MAJOR'S LETTER HAD SPECIFIED!



ONCE IN THE RAVINE, HE DID NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONG...

I TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU, DAN BRAND!



WE AGREED TO COME WITHOUT ARMS! I THOUGHT AN OFFICER OF THE KING NEVER LIES!

AGREEMENTS WITH REBEL CURS ARE MADE TO BE **BROKEN!**



THE MAJOR'S HIGH-PITCHED VOICE, MADE EVEN SHRILLER BY RAGE, KEPT ECHOING THROUGH THE RAVINE—AND WAS HEARD BY LIGHTNING TETHERED LOOSELY NEARBY...

REBELS WHO DEFY US...WHO DEFY US... MUST DIE ... MUST DIE!



LIGHTNING REMEMBERED THAT VOICE... REMEMBERED THE CRUEL DAY HE HAD LAST HEARD IT!



NO!
NO!



GIVEN - GIVEN - GIVEN

BE FIRST

BE FIRST

WE ARE RELIABLE

ACT NOW

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